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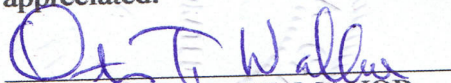
HOME REPAIR MONIES FOR FLORIDA CITY RESIDENTS

I am writing this note to inform you of a very exciting project we are undertaking in Florida City. As I travel throughout our community and notice the beautiful sidewalks, landscaping and drainage projects we have completed, it occurred to me that a beautiful street is of little value if water is coming through your roofs or termites are eating up your home or electrical problems are scaring you to death.

As a result, I am making an application for Housing Rehabilitation monies under the Community Development Block Grant program to help our citizens with housing repairs that their budget just cannot handle. If successful, the program we are pursuing allows up to \$65,000 to eligible residents for major home repairs. The program is of particular value to seniors on a fixed income or others whose income while not fixed, is low. If successful, an applicant will not have to pay this money back unless they try to take advantage of the program and sell their house at a profit. These funds are absolutely not designed for investors, but home owners.

Following an article written in the newspaper about this project, I began receiving calls and letters from some of you trying to apply. It is simply too early for this. If we are successful your church secretary would be made aware of the application process in ample time for you to apply. My office at that time will also assist you in the application process.

I pray that we are successful in this endeavor as I see it as one of the most important needs of our community. Your collective prayers for success with this project is deeply appreciated.


OTIS T. WALLACE, MAYOR